



Pastor's Corner

I had a first in my years of ministry the other day. I visited someone who was ill and of course ended the visit with prayer. Then, as soon as I said “amen”, the person I was praying for offered a prayer for me. I must admit I was taken aback and also moved. I was indeed grateful for the prayers. I have never understood people who do not want to be listed on a prayer list. I can take as many as anyone wants to send me. But it wasn't so much the prayer, but the fact that it reflected one of the key beliefs of the Christian Church, the priesthood of every believer.

It is based on 1 Peter 2:9; “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” Peter is basically saying there are no levels of spirituality in the church. My prayers are no more powerful than anyone else’s, because each of us has the only intercessor we need, Jesus Christ and also the Holy Spirit, who, as it says in Romans. “Helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

I am thankful for that, for sometimes my prayers seem a little empty or disorganized, but I know that even my humble prayers are received with power at the throne of God. So, let's keep praying all for one another.



LITTLE BLESSINGS PRESCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Dee and Mrs. Lauren will be finishing their time with our preschool at the end of this month. While it is sad to say good-bye to them as teachers we need to thank them for their years of dedication carrying on the mission of our church to educate and nurture young children in a spiritual setting.

Dee Branham has been our lead teacher for fifteen of the twenty years of the program. She has done an outstanding job of maintaining a high expectation of the children while making it a fun experience everyday.

Lauren May has been our assistant teacher for the last five years and has had the extra joy of working with her Mom. A good teacher is always backed by an equally good assistant and Lauren has certainly proven she is very capable.

You only have to interact with the preschool children a short while to see how much they love and respect Mrs. Dee and Mrs. Lauren. Many a parent has tried to figure out how they get their child to mind so well! Both of them have a God given talent for seeing each child as an individual and what is the best way to help them learn.

All of the preschool children have been “blessings” to us but we have also been blessed with two very devoted women to lead Little Blessings. The program has a very good reputation within our community due to their leadership day-to-day, year after year.

I hope that each of you will come to the preschool graduation on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. You will not only be entertained but you will be able to thank Mrs. Dee and Mrs. Lauren for their hard work and dedication to our church through the preschool program.

FAMILY FUN DAY

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a “Family Fun Day” on Sunday, May 21 from 12:30-3:30. They will be serving lunch and playing some games. They are hoping to have everyone stay after church and have some fun!

REMINDERS

- Vespers is weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.
- If you have a graduate to recognize, please notify the office ASAP.
- There are open spaces on the Flower Chart.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/4 National Day of Prayer Service 12:00 pm (City Park)
- 5/8 Elder’s Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5/14 Mother’s Day
- 5/16 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 am (Gatti’s)
- 5/21 Graduation Sunday Recognition
Family Fun Day 12:30 pm -3:30 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5/23 Preschool Graduation 7:00 pm
- 5/29 Memorial Day Office Closed
- 5/30 Community Dinner 5:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



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| Jennifer Branham May 5 | Mike Harrison May 27 | Paul & Karla Corbin May 12 |
| Steve Huffman May 8 | Wittney Youngblood May 30 | |
| Taylor Wells May 13 | | |
| Dena Gibson May 15 | | |
| Andrew Joyce May 24 | | |

LEADERSHIP

Serving Deacons

Charlie Byers, Ashley Byers,
Steve Huffman, and Lucy Davis

Communion Preparation

Pam Sowards

Elder of the Week

- 5/7 Randy Roberts
- 5/14 Blake Robinson
- 5/21 Tom Thompson
- 5/28 Terry Trimble

Serving Elders

- Terry Trimble Cup/
Captain
- June Brose Bread



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00 Vespers	4	5	6
7 CC Barbara	8 Elder's Meeting 7:00	9	10 6:00 Vespers	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day CC Robin/ Ginger	15	16	17 6:00 Vespers	18	19	20
21 Board Meeting 7:00 CC Pam Sowards	22	23 Preschool Graduation 7:00	24 6:00 Vespers	25	26	27
28 CC Suzy	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 Community Dinner 5:00	31 6:00 Vespers			

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Amick, Matt
 Anderson, Greg
 Anderson, Reed & Lynn
 Batten, Bruce & Dana
 Cantrell, Danny
 Cantrell, Vernon
 Carlson, Dorothy
 Deskins, David & Barbara
 Hamilton, Thelma
 Harrison, Jillian
 Johnson, Randy & Cindy & Family
 Little, Meleta
 Mayfield, Bob & Mary
 Perry, Jennifer
 Roberts, Howard
 Runyon, Camella
 Scott, John
 Sharp, Shirley
 Sturgill, Gene & Phyllis
 Abney, Kim Wilson (J. Hogg) 3/15
 Amick, Jimmy Joe 9/29

GENERAL

Abney, Kim Wilson (J. Hogg) 3/15
 Amick, Jimmy Joe 9/29
 Anderson, Joann (R. Roberts) 10/16
 Baby Tatum (J. Harrison) 1/8
 Bartley, Pam 10/19
 Bentley, Ben & Sally (Ginger V.)
 Biliter, Peggy (P. Sowards) 8/21
 Bishop, Dewey (B. Baird) 10/26
 Blackburn, Sailor (K. Harrison) 4/23
 Blackburn, Eugene (L. Compton) 3/15
 Boyd, William (J. Robinson) 3/30
 Bradley, Tammy (J. Robinson) 1/4
 Branham, Betty & Family (H. Brown)
 Branham, Mike (J. Branham) 4/6
 Cantrell, James (C. Bartley) 10/23
 Carlson, Kevin (R. Wells) 11/30
 Carter, Zac (K. Harrison) 2/17
 Childers, Pauline (C. Bartley) 9/25
 Coleman, Barbara (C. Bartley) 6/6
 Coleman, Gail (G. Justice) 11/21
 Coleman, Jami (D. Branham) 8/21
 Crotts, Catherine (B. Baird) 11/10
 Crum, Teresa (R. Brown) 9/12
 Damron, Katelyn 12/25
 Daniels, Danny Joe (P. Corbin) 4/24
 Darby, Keith (B. Mayfield) 11/19
 Darko, Jill (J. Hall) 9/20
 DeKlerk, Ann (R. Wells) 11/30
 Deskins, Tim (J. Brown) 8/22
 Dockery, Melissa (G. Van Hoose) 3/6
 Eddington -Cook Family (LaBreche)
 Eddington, Renee (S. LaBreche) 9/5
 Edmonds, Charles (G. Van Hoose)
 Elswick, Jeremiah (L. Compton)
 Epling, Deborah (S. Huffman) 4/21
 Estep, Burma (G. Justice) 2/17
 Fields, Regina (B. Sweaney) 9/16
 Fish, Celia Alexander (R. Roberts) 11/27
 Fish, Marty (R. Roberts) 2/16
 Friend, Kelsey Jr. (L. Compton) 3/15
 Gibson, Deb 12/18
 Gilliam, Mike & Michelle (H. Brown)
 Gilliam, Nancy (H. Brown) 10/4
 Hall, David (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Hamilton, Eileen (L. Compton) 3/15
 Harris, Patty (M. Little) 11/25
 Heilbron, Tom (H. Brown) 7/3
 Hogg, Frances (J. Hogg) 1/25
 Hogg, William & Paige (J. Hogg) 1/4
 Howard, Linda (G. Justice) 4/16
 Howard, Marsha (K. Baird) 11/16

Huebner, Ashlee 1/22
 Huebner, Ben 1/8
 Huffman, Charles (K. Baird) 10/5
 Johnson, Jo (G. Justice) 4/12
 Jones, Jeff (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Justice, Bridget (G. Van Hoose) 3/222
 Justice, Patty (C. Runyon) 11/4
 Kanney, Linda & Jerry (J. Brown) 4/25
 Kehoe, Sara Walters, (K. Corbin) 11/7
 Kidd, Ryan (S. DeLong) 1/11
 Kruckow, Rich (K. Harrison) 3/28
 Lawrence, Jackson (V. Lawrence) 4/9
 LaBreche, Dennis (S. LaBreche) 4/16
 Lowe, Sandy (J. Perry) 6/27
 Martin, Lori Nichols 12/11
 Matney, Marie (G. Van Hoose) 3/19
 McCoy, Diane 12/18
 McCoy, Ron 1/1 (R. Roberts)
 McNamee, Mary Ann (M. Thompson)
 McNamee, Nicole (G. Trimble) 8/28
 McDaniels, Brynnix (D. Gibson) 8/22
 McDonough, Theresa (M. Huebner)
 Newsome, Chester (D. Ratliff) 3/16
 Owens, Jeannine (G. Van Hoose) 7/15
 Page, John (S. Huffman) 10/5
 Parada, Ibis 12/18
 Penix, Roy (K. Harrison) 3/30
 Preston, Nikki 12/18
 Ratliff, Grant (A. Byers) 9/18
 Robbins, Pam (K. Harrison) 2/26
 Robinson, Jo Nell (B. Robinson)
 Runyon, Glenda (G. Justice) 9/5
 Rutherford, John (S. Sharp) 3/7
 Scott, Andrew (J. Hall) 8/11
 Seticoili, Ryam 1/1 (M. Huebner)
 Shearer, Robert Boo (B. Van Hoose) 8/26
 Skidmore, Tim (S. LaBreche) 2/27
 Slone, Andy (T. Slone) 11/17
 Slone, Brooke 12/11
 Slone, Sarah 12/11
 Slone, Sidney 12/11
 Steitz, Pat (M. Huebner) 3/19
 Stevens, Sam (J. Robinson) 12/14
 Stewart, Gary (C. Bartley) 10/23
 Stewart, Janice (S. Huffman) 5/15
 Sullivan, Kristin (L. Davis) 9/26
 Michelle Tackett (K. Corbin) 4/24
 Talley, Sharon (R. Wells) 10/10
 Taylor, Kendra (S. Sharp) 10/7
 Thomas, Reba (P. Corbin) 9/29
 Thornsby, Danny (K. Corbin) 12/2
 Turner, James & Jeweline (H. Brown)
 Zoellers, Dave (G. Van Hoose) 3/15
 Waldrop, Guy (D. McKenzie) 7/4/21
 Williams, Patty 1/1 (M. Huebner)
 Wright, Shirley 10/19
 Yates, Darrell (Jane Robinson) 5/15
 Yates, Dereck (J. Robinson) 4/14

OTHER

The Hungry in our community
 Those dealing with drug addiction
 People of Ukraine
 Civility
 Flood & Tornado Victims
 Victims & Families Affected by Violence
 Preschool Director & Teacher
SYMPATHY
 The Family of Gene Sturgill
 The Family of Richard Stephenson
 The Family of Susan Dotson Williams
 The Family of Patty Justice







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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Come Worship With Us!

Sunday School at 10:00 am

**Sunday Worship Service at
11:00 am**

**Wednesday Night Vespers at
6pm**

*We are called to love God,
To love Others,
and to lead Others to Jesus
Christ.*

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